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Docket No. 4555-110 US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
TROIAN et al. :
Serial No. 10/016,294 : Group Art Unit: 3753
Filed: November 2, 2001 : Examiner: CHAMBERS, A. Michael
Title: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR :
CONTROLLING LIQUID FLOW ON THE :
SURFACE OF A MICROFLUIDIC CHIP : x

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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In a September 8, 2003 Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-92, 98 and 99, drawn to a method for controlling a fluid, classified in class 137, subclass 828.
- II. Claims 93-97, 100 and 101, drawn to a method for forming a hydrophobic or hydrophilic surface including the steps of etching and spin coating photoresist, classified in class 156, subclass 1+.

Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group 1, claims 1-92, 98 and 99, drawn to a method for controlling a fluid, classified in class 137, subclass 828, for prosecution in this

application. Applicants submit that a search of the method for controlling a fluid would uncover the methods used for forming the surfaces of Group II. Applicants respectfully request the right to file a divisional application directed to the unelected claims.

A prompt action on the merits is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned should he believe this would expedite prosecution of this application. It is believed no fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 24, 2003



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